

MENTORING MONDAY

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Mentoring Monday is tailored to help you get the answers and coaching that is specific to your career goals and situation. Think about what you want most to know and learn. If you need help, here are a few questions to consider asking your mentors.

- Was there ever a role you applied for and landed, but weren't 100% qualified to do? How did you proceed?
- What do you wish you had known before taking your first job out of school?
- Which leadership skills were the most difficult to develop?
- Tell me about a time when you had a difficult boss? How did you handle the situation?
- What's the most important leadership lesson you've learned and how has it proven invaluable?
- Do you have any professional or personal development book recommendations?
- How do you go about building/maintaining your network?
- What is the most helpful piece of advice you've ever received or given?
- If you were starting college all over again, what would you do differently and why?
- What is your biggest fear? And how have you overcome it?
- What are you most proud of?
- What were the 3 most important things you did to start your business off on the right track?
- How do you prepare for advancing to a management/leadership position?
- If time and money did not matter, how would you spend your time and money?
- What was your major in college? Does it relate to your current work? If so, how?
- What professional experiences did you have that led you to your current position?
- How did you figure out what you wanted to do with your life in terms of career?
- What does work/life balance look like for you?
- What is a typical day like in your job?
- What was a key lesson you learned early on as a young professional?
- Are there certain things I should be doing now to prepare myself for the world of work?
- What do you wish you'd known when you were starting out?